



**SALINA CITY COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**  
**CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 300 W. ASH, ROOM 107**  
**SALINA, KANSAS**  
**OCTOBER 31, 2006**  
**4:00 P.M.**

Study Session 2:30 p.m. - The City Commission will convene for a Study Session, the agenda for which is attached. Members of the public are invited to attend this informal session and discuss matters of interest with the City Commissioners during an "open forum" period from 3:45 to 4:00 p.m.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 3. ADMINISTRATION**
  - (3.1) Provide additional purchasing authority to the city manager for the purpose of obtaining environmental technical review services.
- 4. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 5. ADJOURNMENT**

# CITY OF SALINA

## REQUEST FOR CITY COMMISSION ACTION

DATE

10/31/2006

TIME

7:00 A.M.

AGENDA SECTION NO: 3	ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:  CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	APPROVED FOR AGENDA:
ITEM NO. 1 Page 1	BY: Jason A. Gage, City Manager	BY:

**ITEM:** Provide additional purchasing authority to the city manager for the purpose of obtaining environmental technical review services.

### **BACKGROUND:**

For months, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has been in the process of analyzing data and making conclusions regarding groundwater contamination under the former Schilling Air Force Base (SAFB). These conclusions are the basis for risk determination, the establishment of work timelines, and future actions related to mitigation and remediation.

In March of 2006, the Salina Public Entities (SPE - includes the City of Salina, Salina Airport Authority, USD #305 and K-State at Salina) utilized the services of the Dragun Corporation to analyze data and related conclusions made by the USACE regarding former SAFB contamination and time of travel to the public water supply system. Their report illustrated numerous technical errors and was instrumental in convincing the USACE to take a second look at their work.

Since March of this year, USACE officials have been very open, agreeable and diligent in completing this second look, which is in the form of the *OU1 Remedial Investigation Addendum/Feasibility Study Work Plan*. This information contains their methodology for obtaining additional groundwater information and data for what we refer to as the northern plume. Since the northern plume is the area of greatest concern to the City at this time, Staff believes it is prudent to have an in-depth technical review conducted for this work and certain other anticipated technical documents related to the areas of OU1, OU2 and OU3 that are forthcoming. These documents typically allow for a very short local entity review timeframe.

As a result, Staff is asking the City Commission to grant additional purchasing authority to the city manager in an amount not to exceed \$75,000. This authority is to be used exclusively for the technical review of environmental work performed by the USACE related to the former SAFB. Staff is asking that this authority be granted until June 30, 2007. This will provide the ability to obtain high quality technical review services within the short timeframe allowed for local entity comments.

### **FISCAL NOTE:**

Both this year's budget and the 2007 Budget include funding in the Water/Wastewater Utility Fund in anticipation of this type of work.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Staff recommends an action by the City Commission to provide purchasing authority to the city manager through June 30, 2007 and in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, with said authority to be used specifically for technical review of former SAFB environmental work performed by the USACE.